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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assistant Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Branch, CIG

FROM: Harry J. Krould

May I ask you for cooperation in the following issue. The assumption is that the conception of shortcomings in the establishment or enforcement of civil rights in the United States receives a great deal of unfavorable attention through considerable amount of distortion, misrepresentation, failure to provide a correct and balanced picture.

1. How much unfavorable attention is given to alleged U. S. civil rights shortcomings at home, in a given period - let's say, the last six weeks. It is obvious that you are unable to prepare a quantitative analysis, but a short evaluation as to amount, number of languages and stations, etc., might be possible.

2. What kinds of things are said about the United States in this connection. What is needed here is a substantial volume of quoted material and a short analysis of established patterns. It is obvious that this would include also individual instances, like the round-up of comments on the Greenville, South Carolina, decision.

I thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

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